

# Social List Will Stir Salons

1955 Book  
Reflects This  
Year's News

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The Social List of Washington, D. C., 1955, is off the presses and in the mail.

This event in the town's party giving circles is met with mixed emotions. A peek into some of the hundreds of salons that grace the Nations' Capital and are the scenes for entertaining the "great," "near great," and "want-to-be-great" might be most revealing. For entertaining in this town is a business and not to be taken lightly.

There will be the lady long socially prominent who will receive her copy routinely and look upon it merely as a phone book. Others will sigh with relief that their names appear once again in the "green book." Another who purchased the book will flip through the pages hurriedly to look for her own name only to find that she, horror of horrors, is one of the 300 who have been "dropped."

## The Casual Approach

There are also the "casual" types. These persons didn't even purchase the book. Their listings may be in it or may have been deleted but they will restrain their curiosity long enough to look in a friend's copy.

According to Mrs. Carolyn Hagner Shaw, the publisher of this controversial volume, the five and a half thousand names listed do not represent "blue bloods" alone by any means. It is simply an attempt to compile the names of people who go to parties, give parties, do both or should. They might be officials, members of Congress, diplomats, the military, just people living in Washington, D. C., or people recently in the limelight, such as General Counsel of the Department of the Army John G. Adams, whose name was added this year.

A look behind the emerald covers will show you the pot-pourri of this city. The listing starts with the President, Supreme Court, Cabinet, diplomats, members of Congress and then alphabetically lists other personages.

## Causes Furor

There are hundreds of changes from last year in this last category, additions and subtractions, and this is the part of the book that will cause all the furor—after all, the President of the United States is never dropped, or at least not for four years.

The reason for families being deleted varies. They might leave town, die, fail to send in their questionnaires or answer their phones. But the blackest of all black reasons is that they might be part of "unpleasant notoriety."

According to Mrs. Shaw (although rumor has long had it otherwise) a board of governors decides on who should be listed or dropped. When they receive a new name they send the person a questionnaire which states that they are to be considered for the book after consideration of the board. They may purchase the book or not but they will not know if they have made the grade until it is published. They may not purchase the book and still be listed.

## Hoovers Added

Among the new listings this year are former President Hoover and his son and daughter-in-law, Assistant Secretary of State and Mrs. Hoover, jr. From the entertainment world come, for the first time, Col. and Mrs. John Coulter (she is Constance Bennett) and Song Writer Hank Fort, formally listed Mrs. Hankins Fort.

Others who do not appear this year are Mr. and Mrs. Norman Amour, jr., Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Barnes, Mrs. Thompson Biddle, Dr. and Mrs. Tomas Cajigas, Mrs. Katherine Edgar Byron, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rediker and Mrs. White Fields.

The daughter of the Norwegian Ambassador and Mme. Munthe de Morgenstjerne has a new listing as Mrs. Marjorie M. Coleman.

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